

N.B. I sent, with my parcel to you, Care of Wiles & Putnam, a copy of the Atterbury,  
of last week, containing the papers on the late discovery of drawings by Light.  
Don't call Brown "Doctor"; he does not like it. Smalley does! 10

Saturday Evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 7. 1837  
36 Northumberland Street, Strand

My Dear Doctor

I wrote to you last by the Great Western,  
and I have since written Mrs. Lurvey by the London Packet  
of Feb. 4. 1. which will probably be received some days later  
than this. Your two letters, also, of the 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of  
January were received I believe since I wrote you,  
but am not sure; they reached me about a week ago.  
It can do no harm to thank you again for them  
in case I have ~~not~~ done so already, for I am indeed  
doubly thankful, I think you must have received letters  
from me very shortly after yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> was written; as  
the vessel which brought your letters, or at least the London  
packet of the same day brought out the news of the  
arrival of the United States, by which I wrote first.  
The Royal William, which should bring you my third letter,  
must shortly after have arrived, and we are now daily  
expecting it from New York, when I hope for other letters.

I supposed you would not have anticipated that I was to  
have a fortnight more with Hooker, yet so it was! and  
his kindness to me has been as unvaried as ever. I owe  
much to his favourable introductions here, the first person  
I found in London was Booth, who informed me that  
Hooker was in town, as indeed I expected. I went directly  
to the British Museum, where I found Hooker & his  
son, Brown, Richardson, and Bennett. Brown has  
very kind to me, in his peculiar way, I have seen him  
but ~~once~~ since Hooker & myself breakfasted with him, but  
I hope soon to be at work at the British Museum and to  
see more of him. (He is very fond of gossip at his own fire  
side, and amused us extremely with his dry wit, but in  
company he is silent and reserved. I have found out also  
that it does not do to ask him directly any question  
about plants. He is as old Measures told us, the driest  
pump imaginable. But although he will <sup>not</sup> bear direct  
squeezing, yet by coaxing and very careful management  
any one he has confidence in may get a good deal out  
of him. He tells me that Petalanthura Nutt.  
is a published genus, and promises to give me all the  
information about it I desire. I asked him some question  
about the manner in which the vessels of Ferns uncoil.

Let Mr. Bentham in my ask you to send by the first London Packet, my copy of Elliptic (as they will  
be too trouble to try a copy or Carrills) & orders to Geo. Bentham, Esq. Care of Mr. Kingman, no.  
9. Queen Street, has it not, and I wish to make it a present to him for our kind much more  
than a pay.

Credito has been examining them, so has a Botanist in India: all are much interested in them. He at once remarked: they unroll like a ribbon! He placed Bailey's ~~hand~~ specimens afterwards in his hands and also some of the Infusoria, which he expressed himself much pleased with when I saw him at Lambert's. By the way the Infusoria were sent by Bailey himself. I delivered also the parcel for Lindley, and gave the rest. I had mostly to Dr. Roger, Mr. Syell and Francis Bauer, who were all very glad to get them. I have saved a few for Mr Ward's microscopical party which he is to give on Wednesday of next week after next. I have not yet called on Wiggins & Co to know whether they will honor my drafts, but have no doubt that all is right, I shall with pleasure attend to Mr Sullivant's commissions. I have got some valuable information on the subject from Brown, and expect more. You thought Sullivant would like some authentic Cryptogamic collections. I would have ordered for him a set of Drummond Mosses of British America, but the original sets are gone and the remainder are in bulk and it is very troublesome to make them out: yet this will some time be done, and also those of the Southern States also arranged. Ask Sullivant if he would like them when they are to be had. Mean while I have ordered the Musci Sertici - about 220 species in 2 vols, which Hooker will send directly to you. I have sent the money by Joe Hooker (£3.) I shall find some much cheaper ones in Germany, but not quite so valuable. I shall also order for Sullivant Hooker's Icones Pl. which will be continued, as Hooker furnishes all the matter for nothing & gives the plates, finding paper and every thing. Although there is not so much detail as I could wish, yet it is becoming a very valuable collection for a student of Natural Orders.

Monday evening, I broke off here on Saturday evening, & now continue my Memoranda. I have been spending the day, with Lindley, very pleasantly. I have examined his Dupuis, which Agardh described from, and have got them into tolerable order by comparison. As I fear for room allow me to continue remarks in the next possible way, and with out order. - The Royal William has just arrived. I hope for my letters tomorrow. Suddips was expected to meet me this evening at Lindley's; but an attack of rheumatism kept him at home. I have seen him & his plants, through the kindness of Mr. Ward. The kindest person living, and hope to see more of him. - I don't be concerned about books, &c. to continue the Flora. I hope to bring home more than you expect, both of books & plants. - I shall leave about the last of February for Paris. Perhaps you had best send your letters &c. through Le Breton and your parcel as you think best, only let me know. Don't forget to send me 10 copies of the Flora to Paris, I will use them to good advantage. - Tell Henry I have paid to Rich the money he had paid to Clark; so that is done with. You will see this is no notice of our Flora in the Feb. No. of Annals of Natural History. This is owing to Taylor having somehow strangely overlooked Hooker's article. I shall write Hooker at once to prepare a new one for next month. I have seen the original *Juncus mucifera* of Humboldt, - both leaves & fruit. Arnott should have paid more attention to it. It is very like *Torreya*! and doubtless a congener, - and so Brown insinuates, & will see more about it soon. - A new ed. of Lindley's Intend, to Botany is preparing! Sullivant wants, I suppose, a microscope of single lens.

a good working instrument; and an Achromatic. This last I think I shall procure for him in London, where they produce more perfect instruments than the French. Can you send Parham the Lindleys, he wishes much to examine them: send good cordials.

Arnott seems to think much more of Kees at Eschbeck than any body else. It is generally thought he is in his dotage, and a sad very sad splitter of straws. His moral character is I am sorry to say, very bad in some important particulars, so that he has lost caste very much even in Germany. Though very old and terribly ugly he continued to run off from Bonn with some brother-professor's wife! I do not much care to see him. I had some thoughts of going to Paris via Leyden, to see if I can coax anything out of Blume, but he seems to have behaved rather strangely to all the English Botanists I have yet met with. You ask who I like best in Scotland. Hooker is, all in all, my great favourite. Arnott is a deeper botanist, and I believe a very good-hearted fellow indeed; so he was to me, but he has continued to make enemies, and on confidence I may say that I am sorry to see a sort of half-coldness between him and Hooker. Hooker is often sadly annoyed at the inevitable pains Arnott takes to point out any blunders he makes. Grenville does little in Botany; and I may say in all confidence that there is evidently some unpleasant feeling, or at least a want of cordiality between him & Hooker.

A new Arctic expedition is being planned, indeed is settled upon nearly, to be commanded by James Ross. But a part of the administration throws difficulties in the way. If it goes Joseph Hooker is to be the Naturalist. I hope the lectures at the Lyceum will turn out well. I hope also you will make no permanent engagement with Princeton at present, as I do not think Henry will stay there long. I'm despatching parcels to Lehmann, do not forget to send 8 or 9 copies of Flora, I have written to Lehmann, informing him that parcels would be sent him, and a copy of Flora, and have received a very kind answer, saying that he will take care of any thing for me with pleasure. I could send you Endlicher's *Genera Plantarum* from England, but shall be obliged to give you of Mr. Part, whereas it is published at 3/6. By the way, Corda's *Memoir on Impregnation of Plants* turned out to be mere humbug, and it seems there is little dependence to be placed upon him. I really wish I could keep this back another day, as I feel confident that I shall get letters from you tomorrow by the Royal William.

Sell Bailey's plan any day getting information that will be valuable to him, in the microscopical way, I will write soon concerning the want of him. I don't know where he is, but I will write soon concerning the want of him. I don't know where he is, but I will write soon concerning the want of him.

D. S. I have just had the offer of a chance to  
exchange Wells with, so much as I like, to take it into  
my hands for a week or 2 like I and that after  
I had nearly given up all hopes of it  
No time for particular in - I am, your affectionate  
Wm

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